Womanhood in Empire.

Modesty of the Maids, Wives and Mothers-Woman Writers of Old Regimes.

From New York Japan Review. Tvilizations meet first at their edges and selvedges. Hence, judgments are too quickly formed and prejudices are very easily hardened, and these remain cunchanged for years. However, a sensible man does not judge of his neighbor's and reserve of force than her western sister in the same social class or rank costume by its frayings and ravelings. Yet how many Americans know anyithing of Japanese womanhood, except from their own stage and fiction, or at the eastern seaports? Notoriously the region of unreality, as mapped out in the drama, novels and cheap picture the drama, novels and cheap picture the drama to the foreign modiste or dressmaker in this whatever the men of those of my own sex in the occident might say. That the drama novels and cheap picture the drama to the foreign modiste or dressmaker in this whatever the men of those of my own sex in the occident to a noble principle, and if I were a woman in the teather than the drama to th plays, is that in which most of our people travel to study Japanese life. Hence, the geisha and the wrong kind of woman, who dwells outside of society. are taken as types of one-half of the human ty of Japan, called of old the princess country.

Perhaps this had to be so at first. Two might take her bath in the street in from might take her bath in the street in from the house and from natives it would be so at first. the geisha and the wrong kind of woman, generations ago the Japanese them- of the house, and from natives it would selves were not very communicative. Be- attract no attention. In fact, to pu sides this, the works of art most easily up a screen would suggest something accessible—the Nishiki-ye—or cheap, bright-colored pictures of public women of all sorts, were in all the shops and very easy to get. Americans still think these specimens are top cal Japanese ladies. It takes a long time to catch up. Even English tourists still look for painted Indians in the streets of New York. Fifty years ago, no English-speaking person could read a Japanese book of standard literature. How, then, could either people quickly and mutually learn about each other after ages of separa-

Now, if I were a Japanese woman I should be very proud of my country, race and people. But I should blush, rather than boast, when I read in so many European books, written usually by men, males of Nippon were "ugly," "unpleas-'repulsive," etc., while the females were paragons of all charm and loveli-No! I should discount heavily all such flattery. None the less would I glory in my heritage, and count it the honor to be "a helpmeet for m'-father, brother, husband or friend. For, with all honor to my sisters of Europe and America, I could not forget that they, like N ppon's womankind, had, feel that in others the status of our country's womankind was distinctly shead. In a word, acknowledging with all generosity what history and the present reveal in favor of western womanhood, I should still lift up my voice with my fellow-patriots, for Koku-sui-hoson (preservation of the national refine-

A thousand years of our national anhals give us a photograph of the past of our national life, and tell the exact truth, yastly better than personal likes or dislkes, whether a native or an alien, Looking into the mirror of history, I see reflected both the real woman and the na-tional excellencies. What, in detail, do

In the prehistoric period, as reflected by mythology, before Confucian ethics subordinated the sex so completely and shut up all females in the home, I see women in Japan treated with honor and reverence that quite equal the status gle. The result, showing in detail their of Germanic womanhood, as pictured, as idealized by Tacitus. In these pre-ancient days, much of government and all household order and social organization seem to have come from her. It is amazing to note how potent an element she is in the narratives, and how large a part of Japanese civilization has been wrought by women. Not till an opress was on the throne did Buddsm, the greatest of all beneficent gifts from the Asian continent and richest in manifold blessings, make general progbegan in 1192, and the city of Kamakura just been received by the Brooklyn inrose in the east, it was a woman, Itano. who begged the funds to rear the most magnificent piece of bronze work in the If our country leads all Asia in art, as esthetic western people say, our Khartum, where Gordon fe'll thirteen woman's part in art production is no years before, is more impartant or sig-

#### Women in Literature.

It is in literature, however, that our Japanese women wrought a triumph that has no match in all the history of Europe. face, and to have accomplished it at as the Teutonic peoples borrowed letters all, in the face of the conservatism of and learned to read from the Romans, and took their figures and mathematics terests, commercial, financial and politifrom the Arabs, so our ancestors re-ceived the art of writing from China, of the Sudan, an indorsement of his adand arithmetic from India. In both cases, west and east, the men wrote the documents for law, religion, busiwomen who first created literature. ladies of the mikado's court actually made theirs a literary language, composing works of the imagination. Novels, and production of a large tract between dramas, sketches of life, manners and the Blue and White Niles, and a conthe dropped from the Nippon woman's pen with a rapidity and fecundity that seems marvelous. She made the golden age of price of all grades.

came would be in English, wrote the "Romance of Prince Genii," which is to-day the acknowledged standard of the United States, but the regulation of the Now, if there is any est ruling dynasty in the world, showing the American cottons acquitted themeivilization-nine have been empresses. er crops to the acre than any of the of these, two or three have been epoch- Egyptian or of the upper Nile varieties. makers in civilization. Nearly all were though the lower price in London made poets, including especially the imperial the net result to the grower about the ady, Haruko, now dowager empress, same, who for over forty years was the beloved and efficient wife of Mutsuhito the Great, the Meiji Tenno.

infortunately as yet, the names of to a foreign ear; but who that knows the Miss Marguerite Gillis and sentenced to resources in Japanese history for fresh death. leterpretations or presentations in fiction, the drama, art, tableaux, pageants. etc., but wonders whether, in striking personalities and incidents, any country can excel Japan. For examples of Amazonian vigor and valor, of boldness and presence of mind in crises, of companienhood to the soldier-yes, even as domrades in battle, defense, suicide, or streatness in the hour of death, in shrewdiess of statecraft and government, in facing dangerous duty, in devotion, loyaity, courage, self-sacrifice and the sterner virtues. I doubt whether Japan's Good can be cclipsed.

If we enter the penetralia of purely feminine and domestic virtues the daughters of Japan need fear no comparison with the ladies of Europe. Within the limits of her light and knowledge, the Japanese woman has no superior on this planet. In the sphere of daughter, sister, wife, mother, guardian, each with its own round of duties, the annals of Japanese womanhood can bear compari son with those of any nation.

Ideals of Purity.

And here the writer transmigrates from "If I were a Japanese woman" and tells what he saw during four years in Mikadoland. For a year, he was the only

happy well, with none other of his countrymen nearer than 200 miles. Those in authority and the common folk treated him rather as a brother, or an adopted son. He saw much of unsophisticated Japanese life during these castle and feudal days, and not a little of the mothers, wives and young girls in their own homes. Later, in Tokio, keeping house in the university inclosure with his sister, who was the first lady appointed by the imperial government to teach the ter, who was the first lady appointed by the imperial government to teach the daughters of the samural and nobles, his facilities for learning the canons of the nation's social life were even greater. Japanese girls, from five to twenty years or more of age, used to come often informally, and, on festive occasions, scores at once and for hours at a time.

With my sister's ald, it was not difficult to learn the details of woman's life and to know what the old culture and

alien living in Fukui, the city of the happy well, with none other of his coun-

life and to know what the old culture and ethics required. The ideals of honor, truth, purity and loyalty were not to be despised, though an American must look at them from a new point of view. In the perspective of history and in a comparison of civilization there was far more to admire than to condemi

For, unless I be greatly mistaken, in purity and devotion to her husband the sister in the same social class or rank In modesty of dress I think the Jap-anese lady is obedient to a noble prinof duty, work or personal cleanliness any exposure of the person-even to

stripping to the waist-is right and prop while an American woman, seeing the Dutch lady riding on the front platfor of the horse cars—as is proper in Ho land-nearly had a virtuous fainting In Japan, to dress so as to reveal the form of the bust seemed at first to Japanese women too shocking for words As for the ballroom dress and the nudity of neck and arms, the first sight of such fashions made the Nippon lad burn with shame. To have any part o the body bared merely for show, to make a "sex appeal" through exposure, seeme revolting. That Japanese women as a race, or as individuals, are essential. less modest than those in other lands, 1 for one, do not believe. While far from agreeing with certain governmental no-tions, still behind the age, it is my opin-ion, after a general study of comparative ethics and customs, that the true Japa

nese gentleman need not blush for h womankind in the protected home. How grandly the Japanese women o This result discover enough in my country's history and civilization to make me hapby, without envying my western sisters, by, without envying my western sisters, while in the long story of my country's womanhood, from empress to eta, I buring a thousand years, in the old buring the buri widow were trained, like Spartans,

share with man whatever duty and the age required. Wifely and filial dev in the course of human evolution, risen out of savagery. In the progress of civilization, they gained much, but we of Nippon also. Moreover, while yielding them the palm of superiority at some points and in some things, I should feel that in others the status of our gan in poverty to earn their living, the samural women submitted without a murmur. Melting into the common mass they have given a tone to society in gen eral that only those who, in Japan, penetrate below the surface and behind the screens can understand. Yet it was reserved for a mighty upheaval and a colossal opportunity, in 1903-04, to discover their powers in national union.

Then, for universal efficiency, for pa-

triotic sacrifice, for clear, cool, wise industry, as nurses by the thousands, as creators of economy, vicarious provider for the sick children, orphans and the aged. I doubt whether any record in the world's history excels that in Japan during these two strenuous years.

After the war and victory I begged my friend. Baron Suyematsu, to gather up the records, in print and picture, of what the women all over the empire had done in manifold ways to maintain the strugservices and sacrifices, was astounding.

#### COTTON IN THE SUDAN.

British Loan for Its Growing in the Upper Nile Valley. From the Brooklyn Standard-Union.

Interest in the future overshadows that in the immediate past in the Sudan, the ess in Japan. When the military age official reports for which for 1912 have stitute. No event of greater importance since Kitchener raised the union jack, sixteen years ago, over the palace at years before, is more impartant or sighificant than the British loan of \$15,000,-000 for the promotion of cotton growing in the upper Nile valley. The loan means more, in fact, and implies more for the future, than appears on the surthe lender, and competition of other inministration in the highest degree significant. Following protracted and careful experiments in irrigation and cotton and commerce, but in Japan it was growing, the government credit contemplates a wide extension of the irrigation and railroad systems, which, taken together, mean the restoration to fertility diaries, fiction in various forms tribution to the cotton market of the

Think of a novel over 900 years old! Sudan cotton last year make a small Yet in A. D. 1004, Miss Purple, as her showing, compared with the million from the e Japanese language. In its de-iption of art. dress, persons, opinions, by this highest and finest fiber gives it as if written last week. When an essential importance in determining merican missionaries sought for a values of the crop the world over. Ex sic model, in order to shape the ver-periments under direction of Sir Reginald Wingate have been most assiduous and se this book as the one without interesting, and, taking account of variations of cotton, of climate, of soils, of rallel to this in Europe, let us hear it. different methods of irrigation, and, ever since the medieval age Japa- more important than all, of native labor, women have enriched their na- which must be developed, trained and tional literature of the vital sort, and organized, the whole project becomes one of the best writing of today is from of the highest interest from agricultural, Of the long line of mikados-the old- view. It is interesting to note, too, that the solidity and perpetuity of Japanese selves with great credit, producing heavi-

Circuit Judges Jones and Stanford Tuesday, refused a new trial to James Japanese heroines are in the west so Dumon, a negro, of Cambridge, Md., who grange as to have little or no meaning was convicted for attempted assault on

A SPORTING PROPOSITION.



The Beast-So you don't believe that two can live as cheaply as one? The Beauty-Oh! This is so-The Beast-You pick out one wom-an and I'll pick out two men and put my money on the men.

regardless of former prices, to close

### At 1/2 Marked Prices

Novelty boxes of Stationery to go also at BIG reduc-Bargain Tables-Street Floor. Open 8:30 A.M. Close 5:30 P,M.

mentales mans

### Clearing Crane's Stationery

Our entire stock of holiday boxes of 2 quires and over

Excellent chance to stock up on these high-grade papers. Stationery Store-Street Floor.

# Kann's Entire Stock of Fine Furs Reduced

### IN A BIG JANUARY CLEAN-UP

### Phenomenal Price Cuts to Assure Prompt Clearance of Stock

Selling time with us is nearly over-wearing time for you has hardly begun. We are determined to reduce the amount of stock in short order-this means for you opportunities unequaled. Here is part of the price news-

GENUINE HUDSON SEAL COATS, trimmed with collars of ermine, fitch and skunk; others plain; made of the finest quality muskrat skins with brown underground; large kimono sleeves; cutaway fronts; full, loose backs; seal-covered buttons; lined with brocade, ribbed or plain satin. Regular \$165.00 to \$190.00 values. Special....

\$65.00 to \$90.00 GENUINE FRENCH SEAL COATS; some trimmed with fancy novelty fur collars of mole, ermine or fitch; others plain; made with deep kimono sleeves; cutaway fronts; beautifully finished and lined with brocade, ribbed or plain \$58.50

\$350.00 Persian Lamb Coats......\$225.00 \$225.00 Hudson Seal Coats, muskrat.....\$165.00

\$200.00 Sable Squirrel Coat.....\$125.00 \$155.00 Caracul Coat. .\$95.00 \$135.00 Moline and Ermine Coat..... \$85.00 \$145.00 Baby Caracul and Ermine Coat.... \$95.00 \$165.00 French Sealand

Civet Coat.....\$100.00

\$160.00 Fancy French Seal Coat...... \$90.00 \$115.00 French Seal and Civet Coat..... \$75.00

satin. Special.....

\$85.00 Pony Coats, trimmed..... \$45.00 \$75.00 Caracul Coats.. \$45.00 \$115.00 Caracul Coats.. \$65.00 \$90.00 Carcul Coats, H. B. Squirrel trimmed. .\$60.00 \$250.00 Eastern Mink

Sets.....\$175.00 \$225.00 Eastern Mink Sets.....\$165.00 \$175.00 Eastern Mink Sets. .....\$125.00 \$90.00 Eastern Mink Sets..... \$50.00

\$175.00 Wolverine Sets \$95.00 \$155.00 Black and Lemon Colored Fox Sets. \$120.00



One lot of FUR SETS, FOURTEEN different kinds of fur from which to make your selection; all cut in the most stylish effects; with scarfs in the one or two skin style; trimmed with hanging heads, tails and paws; must of the extra large size; plain or fancy open animal effect, or plain, trimmed with heads, talls and paws; all beautifully lined and finished; workmanship the finest obtainable. SITKA POINTED FOX, CIVET, SABLE AND ISABELLA FOX, BLACK FOX, NATURAL RACCOON, JAPANESE CROSS FOX BLACK. BLUE, NATURAL AND POINTED WOLF, GRAY FOX, FRENCH SEAL, MOLINE. Regularly \$40.00 to \$55.00. \$28.50 Special, set Special, set ......

GENUINE BLACK WOLF AND JAP CROSS FOX SETS; muffs of the extra large size, trimmed with heads and tails and finished with fancy shirred down bedding; scarfs extra large one-skin effect, trimmed with heads, tails and paws; both beautifully lined with satin to match fur; sets which will wear long and \$13.50 well. \$22.50 sets. Special.....

\$225.00 Genuine Ermine Sets.....\$150.00 \$160.00 Genuine Ermine

Sets.....\$105.00 \$95.00 Skunk Sets, marten..... \$69.50 \$120.00 Kitt Fox Sets.. \$75.00 \$130.00 Kitt Fox Sets.. \$90.00 \$85.00 Kitt Fox Sets... \$55.00 \$85.00 French Seal and

Cross Fox Sets..... \$50.00 \$165.00 Pointed Fox Sets.....\$100.00

\$110.00 Pointed Fox . Sets..... \$75.00 \$95.00 Pointed Fox Sets..... \$60.00 \$135.00 Hudson Seal and Mole Sets..... \$75.00 \$145.00 Kitt Fox and Mole..... \$85.00 \$130.00 Mole and Er-

mine..... \$79.50 \$85.00 Fancy Mole Set. \$50.00 \$65.00 Civet and French Seal..... \$45.00

Every Size and Width to Select From Makes This the Most Extraordinary of

## SAMPLE SHOE SALES

Because Not Only Sample Shoes, but Manufacturers' Surplus Lots in Addition, Provide the Opportunity to Fit Any Foot, Giving Every Woman the Chance to Secure the

SAVINGS AVERAGING HALF OR MORE Shoes Worth to \$1.95 Shoes Worth to \$2.35 \$4.00 a Pair = =

Greater Quantities-Better Qualities-Greater Range of Sizes Than Ever. Sample lines are in sizes from 3 to 41/2, and in widths from A to C. Surplus lots extend the range of sizes in the sale from 1 to 8; widths from AA to E.

White Buckskin Colored Velvets Black Velvets Dongola Kid Tan Kid, Tan Calfskin Patent Leather Gun Metal Easy to select the pair you want from the special tables in our conveniently arranged big Shoe Store—Fourth Floor.

These Are The Materials

Novelties Brown Suede Black Suede White Nubuck White Calfskin Vici Kid Gray Suede

IN CONNECTION WITH OUR

We Are Offering These Values in Untrimmed Hats

One lot of Hatter's Plush \$1.95 (Worth \$3.00.)

New Conservative Shapes in 59c Untrimmed Hats at..... (Worth \$1:50.)

#### THE TRIMMED HATS

Represent the imported French model hats, New York hats, including many of the latest horse show models and hats from our own workrooms.

This is the time to secure a stunning hat for yourself, and to save half of the regular price-incidentally a good way to spend Christmas money would be to put it into one of these hats.

Former Prices \$5.00 to \$50.00 Reduced Prices \$2.50 to \$25.00

Millinery Store-Second Floor.

### Now for a Big Sale Wanted Toilets AT REDUCED PRICES

Fairy Floating Bath Soap; regularly 5c cake. Special, 4 cakes... 10c Only four to a person.

Imported Castile Soap. Special, 2 cakes.

Cuticura Soap. Special, 3 50c Sanitol Tooth Powder or Paste. 10c
Special.
Only one to a person.
32-oz. bottle of Earl Peroxide; regularly 25c. Special, bottle... 12c
1 lb. of Absorbent Cotton; 17c
regularly 35c. Special, lb.... 17c Large bottle Listerine. Spc- 58c Hinds' Honey and Almond Cream; regularly 50c. Special, 29c 

My, But This Coat Sale Is Creating a Stir

The Garment Store Is Crowded With Eager Women Getting THE BEST COAT VALUES EVER OFFERED

BECAUSE the king of coat makers moved up town and preferred to transfer money rather than coats we are making this most sensational sale. If not down today by all means come tomorrow and select from some of these lots. ALL SIZES. SEE WINDOW

Seal Plush Coats, worth \$30.00, Broadtail Coats, worth \$35.00, Persian Lamb Coats, worth \$35.00, Broadcloth Coats, worth \$25.00, Ural Lamb Coats, worth \$35.00, Wool Plush Coats, worth \$30.00, Boucle Coats, worth \$25.00, Brocaded Plush Coats, worth \$35.00,

CHOICE, At Street Floor Bargain Table big lot Odd Evening and Street Dresses worth \$25.00. To close

Caracul Coats, worth \$30.00, Cut Chinchilla Coats, worth \$25.00, Mole Plush Coats, worth \$30.00, Wool Bengaline Coats, worth \$30.00, Duvetyn Coats, worth \$30.00, Persiana Coats, worth \$30.00, Velour Coats, worth \$35.00.

Zibeline Coats, worth \$35.00,

\$7.95

Chocolates Now 39c

Arrived Too Late for

Christmas Selling

100 One-pound

Boxes of 60c & 80c

These delicious chocolates were intended for our Christmas sales, but were packed and shipped too late, so have just arrived. Special price for Saturday is 39c

An exceptionally fine quality of Chocolate-Covered Mints, 23c special, a pound..... Pecan Cakes, fresh from 50 the factory, each..... Candy Store-Street Floor.

## RADICAL REDUCTIONS KITCHEN NECESSITIES

6 Cakes Laun-dry Soap For 21c to a customer. None sent C.O.D.

heavy nickel - plated

tal. Pearline Soap Powder. Quart bottle of Only two bottles to a cus-89c Bath Seats, made from first quality selected oak, finely finished, with

\$1.59 Wash Boilers, of extra heavy polished charcoal tin, with solid copper bottoms, strongly riveted handles and covers, No. 8 49c Coffee Pots, of

extra strong handles, inforced bottoms and extra large size, com- riveted handles, plete with cover..... 79c 49c Frying Pans or Skillets, of best pel- of granite iron, with granite iron, with ished steel, made strong side handles from one piece of and complete with seamless stock, long seamless and sani-

\$1.49 Ham Boilers, heavy grade threeof granite iron, with | coated galvanized strong bottoms and iron, with strong re-

19c tary, 22-plut size....

98c Berlin Kettles,



covers, fam-

can saves all the coul without \$2.19 Caus, coated with sandles with picket - plated brass brackets, 18 and 30 fuch, choice...... 590 49c Garbage Caus, of best three-coated galvanized iron, with strong beil handles and complete with

Because of the low price, all sales final; none sent on approval. See window display.





handles and with in full size, black japanned finish, size..... 20c Water or Util-ity Pails, of first quality three-coated and strongly riveted handles, 8-IOC



japanned finish, black enamel top, fitted with solid brass oil fount, with brass self-extinguishing, smokeless and odorless burner, warranted to heat perfectly. To- \$3.69

MEAR AND TEAR WEAR AND TEAR LONG AS WHEN WASH-ED BY OLD METHOD. WORK DONE WITH 4 THE LABOR AND LESS THAN 4



granite iron, with and complete with covers, 6-quart 39c 39c Double Roasters or Bakers, of best Russia iron, self-basting and self-browning, has ventilater in top, requires absolutely no attention while in use; size 10x15. 19C



Se rolls of Genuine Japanese Toilet Paextra grade perforseamless and

per, large rolls of food coarse, medium, fine and extra fine. of granite

Cho pers, the "KEY-STONE," bas four

sanitary, strong clear selected stock; long handle and complete with cover, lo-pint 25C use as lad-75C

### Clearing Out the Holiday Neckwear

FROM OUR OWN STOCK-FROM A BIG IM-PORTER WHO HAD A CANCELED ORDER THROWN ON HIS HANDS.

covers, 5-pint 19c | neh size....

Tomorrow's Values, Therefore, Are Big An immense lot of STOCKS, JABOTS and SLEEVELESS GUIMPES. 25c and 39c values. Choice .....

Novelty Bows, including values to 50c. To 121/2C Shadow Lace and Plain Net Pleatings; in ecru, white and a few black. 25c values. 121/2c Neckwear Store-Street Floor.

Marabout and Ostrich \$2.98 Capes; in black..... Marabout Capes; in \$2.98 natural and black..... Muffs, to match; large pillow shape; silk \$5.00

lined.....

# Rummage Sale of Toys

TO CLOSE THE ODD LOTS left from the greatest holiday selling in our history. CHOICE AT

WORTH THREE TO FOUR TIMES THESE PRICES.

We cannot begin to describe them, but come to buy the kiddies more toys to make them happy. CHOICE ANY FRENCH DOLL, \$1.00. Toy Store-Fourth Floor.

Values to (PC) \$5.90 at....

Christmas selling quite demoralized many of our lines of Chiffon Waists, leaving odd sizes and broken lines. That is why we have put them all into one big lot, including blouses in White, Copenhagen, Navy, Mahogany, Light Blue And many other colors, in all the latest models; some accordion

pleated, some with the little vest effect in front, and many others. To go out Saturday at, choice, \$2.95.—Waist Store—Second Floor.